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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert FISCHER, Uwe WAGNER, Jürgen FREITAG,
Johannes BRAUN, and Anton RINK

Serial No.: 08/392,127

Art Unit: 2304

Filed: February 22, 1995

Examiner: Collin W. Park

For: **PROCEDURE TO CONTROL A TORQUE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.137(b)

December 1, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir,

The above-entitled petition is, more particularly, a request for reconsideration of the October 2, 2003 decision dismissing petitioners' submission of July 29, 2003. A copy of the decision is attached for convenience.

The original petition was dismissed for lack of the following:

- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, and

(4) a terminal disclaimer and fee if the application was filed on or before June 8, 1995 or if the application is a design application.

The required terminal disclaimer is contained in a separate document being filed, together with the requisite fee, contemporaneously herewith.

Further, the October 2, 2003 decision specifies the following:

Petitioner should provide a full explanation for the delay from the date of abandonment until the date the instant petition was filed. Petitioner should provide evidence to establish the entire delay was unintentional within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 41(a)(7) and 37 CFR 1.137(b).

It is respectfully submitted that the evidence and discussion provided below satisfy such specification and affirmatively establish that the entire delay from the date of abandonment until the date of the instant petition was filed was unintentional.

A. Background

Originally, a German language forerunner of the present application was sent 1/16/95 by a German corporation (hereinafter "LuK" or "client") to Peter K. Kontler (hereinafter "PKK"), with a copy for the Darby firm (hereinafter "Darby") in New York, together with an instruction that it be filed in the USPTO on or before 2/23/95. At that time, PKK was Of Counsel to Darby, but located in Naples, FL, not its New York City office. Copies of PKK's English language fax letters of 1/19/95 to Darby and LuK that succinctly memorialize the urgency of the situation are attached hereto behind Tab 1. Today, Darby has such file in its custody in New York City.

The undersigned avers, however, that the Darby file is not complete. It contains an unsigned draft of a declaration and power of attorney, but no copy of the signed version. Such draft names the partners of Darby, including Melvin C. Garner and Henry Sternberg (hereinafter "HS"), but does not mention PKK. Nor is there a copy of an associate power from a Darby partner to PKK.

B. USPTO Office Action Mailed 11/12/96

The USPTO office action of 11/12/96 was duly docketed by Darby on receipt and reported in the normal course to LuK by HS on 11/22/96. And, in his letter, HS expressly requested instructions by 1/12/97 and confirmation that PKK was to prepare the response. See the copy thereof attached hereto behind Tab 2.

LuK sent back its instructions on 2/6/97 with an explicit and unequivocal request that they and the Darby file be forwarded to PKK. HS had a copy of the office action sent to PKK on 3/6/97. It also appears that copies of HS' letter to LuK and its instructions back were faxed to PKK on 3/4/97. Copies of this correspondence are attached hereto behind Tab 3.¹

In a 5/12/97 e-mail, Gail Pelkowski, then a Darby paralegal, informed Gabriela Karaszi, then a Darby docketing person, as follows:

I spoke with Mr. Kontler today regarding the response to the office action due today for file no. 2238/0A887-US0, S.N. 08/392,127. Mr. Kontler is working on the response. He intends to fax it to the PTO himself this evening.

See the copy attached hereto behind Tab 4. Also, Darby invoice no. 175900, dated 7/25/97, a redacted copy of which is attached hereto behind Tab 5, contains a line as follows:

5/12/97 Several telecoms HS with PKK

But the USPTO table of contents for its corresponding file reflects no receipt of any PKK response to the 11/12/96 office action. A copy of the table of contents is attached hereto behind Tab 6.

¹ Note should be taken that only the first paragraphs of the 2/6/97 letter have been translated into English from German, because, effectively, the rest of the 2/6/97 letter from client to counsel that sought to advance the prosecution of the present application in the USPTO was put into English and incorporated in the amendment filed with the 7/29/03 petition to revive herein; accordingly, such translation requires no repetition here.

It should also be noted that all of the documents attached hereto behind Tabs 1 to 16 are included for the relevant facts that they evidence. To the extent that such documents contain attorney fee information or requests for, or offers of, legal advice or opinion, they have been redacted.

A possible explanation of the foregoing chain of events is that PKK did in fact fax his response to the USPTO, but it deemed the submission a nullity because PKK lacked any corresponding power of attorney. However, nothing in the Darby file or what the undersigned has seen of the USPTO file substantiates this. The other possibility is that PKK sent no fax, or any other form of a, response to the USPTO office action of 11/12/96 at any time. Notwithstanding our diligent attempts to investigate the matter with Mr. Kontler, we have had no response from him concerning this omission.

C. USPTO Notice of Abandonment Mailed 5/27/97

On 5/27/97, the Darby & Darby Docket Manuel 1995 authoritatively spelled out the applicable procedure or rules governing the firm's docketing function. Copies of the manual's title page, its Table of Contents page i to v and its subsection B. Notice of Abandonment is Received from USPTO (pages 37 and 38) are attached hereto behind Tab 7.

Numbered sub-paragraphs 5 to 7 of such sub-paragraph B plainly required that Darby's actual receipt of any and all notices like the subject 5/27/97 USPTO notice of abandonment must be memorialized in several ways, i.e.,

- 1) entry in PATTSY (the Darby docketing computer);
- 2) entry in its IDB (hard-cover Incoming Docketing book);
- 3) entry on the cover of the Darby case file; and
- 4) an entry of the Docketing Department's "due date" stamp on the notice itself.

There is a reason why Darby has built such a redundancy into its docketing system. It is to make sure that everyone at the firm coming into contact with a patent application has received some form of notice of the notice of abandonment. It is also to make sure a repetition of the any past failure to respond timely by one or the other of the prior response due dates is prevented. It is to prevent what would, in the worst circumstances, turn out to be an irretrievable loss to the client and Darby. Clearly, the Darby docketing ideal is that no notice of abandonment response due date should be allowed to escape attention and, to this end, should be red-flagged throughout the Darby docketing system.

But such ideal was defeated in this case; there was here no compliance with a single one of the four above-recited requirements.

Behind Tab 8 attached hereto is a copy of a computer print screen of this case showing no entry of the 5/27/97 notice of abandonment. Behind Tab 9 hereof is a copy of the Darby IDB page² that should have shown, but did not, the 5/28/98 due date for response to such notice. Behind Tab 10 is a copy of the Darby file cover for this case, showing no entry for such notice. Behind Tab 11 is a copy of the Darby file copy of the 5/27/97 notice of abandonment from which the prescribed Darby Docketing "due stamp" is entirely missing. **Thus, each and every Darby specified docketing requirement for such a USPTO notice was violated in this case due to clerical errors, and as a consequence, this negated the client's intention to respond to the office action of 11/12/96 and maintain pendency.**

For stark contrast, the facts are that the USPTO office action of 11/12/96 (a copy of the first page of the file copy of which is attached behind Tab 12) bears the Darby docketing "due date" stamp and was otherwise duly docketed in compliance with parallel Darby procedures. Cf., attached Tabs 8 and 10 and note that the computer print screen of Tab 8 expressly sets forth both USPTO due dates, i.e., 2/12/97 and 5/12/97, for response to the office action of 11/12/96. See, also, Tab 13 behind which are copies of the Darby IDB pages highlighted to show such 2/12/97 and 5/12/97 due dates for response to such office action.

Notwithstanding the foregoing demonstration that the 5/27/97 notice of abandonment was never formally docketed by Darby, the existence of the notice was timely, if informally, brought to the attention of HS and PKK. See the copy of the two-page 6/4/97 fax sent by Ema Gualano, secretary to HS, to PKK that is attached hereto behind Tab 14.

The undersigned avers that there is nothing in the Darby file of this case that reflects any PKK reaction whatsoever to such 6/4/97 fax.

² Note that it was then Darby Docketing's practice to re-use certain pages of its 1997 IDB for 1998 due dates and certain pages of its 1996 IDB for 1997 due dates.

The significance of such a substantial docketing failure, particularly in a law firm as big and as busy as Darby, cannot be disputed. It means, that, having already missed the two separate office action response due dates afforded by the USPTO that were properly entered on the Darby docketing computer, no further notice-of-abandonment response due date was entered thereon by human hands. And, no additional capacity to help itself in this regard existed within the commercial computer software on which the system relied. Hence, after the initial receipt of the notice of abandonment, it could only vanish from the sight of any Darby attorney for a longer term simply because no mention of it could appear on any routine attorney docket generated by the firm's docketing computer; absence from PATTSY of any remark thereof (see Tab 8) assured no later appearance on any attorney docket month after month after month.

Indeed, it is clear to the undersigned that, had the client not written Darby on 4/2/03 to ask HS about the status of this case, the original (7/29/03) petition to revive would not yet have been filed (see Tab 15 for a copy of the letter in German accompanied by a translation thereof into English).

D. Post 4/2/03 Events

Copies of the correspondence emanating from the client and HS (and ultimately directed to PKK) in the period 4/8/03 to 5/15/03 are attached hereto behind Tab 16, together with translations from the German of those portions relevant to the present request for reconsideration.

Of the exhibits attached hereto behind Tab 16, the client's letter of 5/15/03 is the most significant. For, the letter establishes that the client had no prior knowledge of any failure to respond timely to the office action of 11/12/96 and no knowledge prior to 4/8/03 of the 5/27/97 notice of abandonment. **Clearly, in the absence of evidence of any such knowledge and for the periods of time involved, no intent to delay responses to either USPTO action can be imputed to the client.**

Also included behind Tab 16 is a copy of HS' 5/15/03 fax to PKK. **The undersigned avers that the Darby file in this matter contains no PKK response of any**

kind thereto and, further, there is therein no evidence that contradicts either of the client's above-noted assertions of no prior knowledge.

More generally, the documents behind Tab 16 establish that anxiety was full-blown by 5/15/03 about whether PKK had filed a timely response to the office action of 11/12/96. Note, in particular, the tone of HS' 5/15/03 letter to PKK requesting information about such response and acknowledging the lack of a copy in Darby's New York City office. But PKK did not respond, and has remained entirely unresponsive.

E. Conclusion

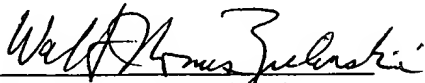
It is respectfully submitted that there is no proof anywhere that there has been any intentional delay in the filing of the petition to revive in this case. The present record clearly proves that the present petition to revive was not intentionally delayed at any time beginning with the response due date for the 11/12/96 office action and up to the actual 7/29/03 filing date of the petition to revive and this response. It may or may not show inadequate communication between client and counsel or among counsel but these are not the issues to be decided here. The sole issue is delay and it was purely and entirely unintentional. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the dismissal of such petition, and its early grant, are respectfully solicited.

All statements made herein of the undersigned's knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further the statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that

such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 1, 2003


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Re: New US patent application of
Messrs. Robert FISCHER et al.
assigned to LuK Getriebe-Systeme GmbH
LuK File GS 0115/04/012 B US
Priority dated February 23, 1994

Dear Mr. Garner:

Enclosed please find a copy of a cover letter which
was received today, together with a German text including
111 pages and 39 Figures. Please let me know the D&D File
Number of the case. Thank you.

The LuK letter of January 16, 1995 contains the
statement that another application, having the same priority,
is now in preparation in Germany and is expected to be sent
to me in the near future. I will send you a copy of the
letter which will accompany the new application immediately
upon receipt.

Yours very truly,

Peter K. Kontler

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Re: New US patent application
of Messrs. Robert FISCHER et al.
Ihr Neuer Zeichen GS 0115/24/012 B US
(LuK Getriebe-Systeme GmbH)

Dear Mr. Rotter:

Thank you for your letter of January 16, 1995
with enclosures (received January 19, 1995).

The US patent application is in preparation and
will be filed in the US Patent and Trademark Office prior to
expiration of the Convention priority period.

I would appreciate receiving the necessary documents
for the preparation of the new US patent application corres-
ponding to your case GS 0116*B at your early convenience.
Thank you.

Please send me prints of DE-OS 31 30 871 (mentioned
in line 1 on page 24 and elsewhere in your German text) and
DE-PS 37 12 223 (mentioned in line 10 on page 26 and elsewhere
in the German text), preferably by telecopier (if they are
not too bulky). You may also wish to send me prints of
US patents Nos. 5,029,087 and 5,577,737 (referred to, res-
pectively, in lines 11 and 19 on page 24 and elsewhere in
your German text). Please let me know if the US patents
are too bulky for sending by telecopier, and I will order
copies of such patents from my Washington correspondents.

I wish to thank you for entrusting me with the pre-
paration of the US patent application, and remain,

yours faithfully,


Peter K. Kontler

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Re: U.S. Serial No. 08/392,127
For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR
TRANSMITTING TORQUE IN VEHICULAR
POWER TRAINS
Your Ref: GS 0115/04/012 B US

Dear Mr. Rotter:

Enclosed is a copy of an Official Action dated 12 November 1996.

Claims 41-101 stand withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to non-elected inventions.

Claims 1-40 stand rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1-40 stand further rejected under Section 112, first paragraph. The Examiner has taken the position that although determination of factors K_{con} , M_{con} and M_{con} are critical to the claimed invention, there is not enough guidance by the present disclosure regarding selection or determination of the above factors to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to make and use the present invention.

The Examiner has further taken the position that it is not possible to reasonably interpret the scope of the claims in light of the alleged deficiencies cited above so that no prior art has been cited at this time.

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A response to the Official Action must be filed no later than 12 February 1997, if late fees are to be avoided.

Please let us have your instructions no later than 12 January 1997. At that time, also please confirm that you wish the response to be prepared by Mr. Kontler.

Sincerely,

Henry Sternberg

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Enclosure

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Translation of the beginning of attached letter on LuK
letterhead, up to "Sehr geehrter Herr Kontler"

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Bühl, February 6, 1997

US Patent Application No. 08/392,127
Title: "Method of Controlling a Torque-Transmitting System"
Your Reference: 2338/0A887
Our Reference: GS 0115/04/012 B US

Dear Mr. Sternberg:

May we ask you to send the aforementioned file to Mr. Kontler
for the continuation of the work in this matter.

Dear Mr. Kontler:

November 3, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

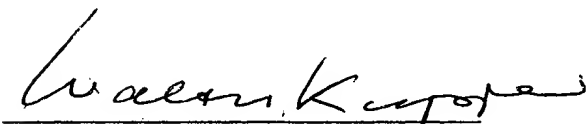
The undersigned hereby declares that he has personally translated the attached documents:

Portions of fax from Dr. H. Grauel, LuK, to Henry Sternberg, dated February 6, 1997,

Fax from Mr. Ronnenberg, LuK, to Henry Sternberg, dated April 2, 2003, and

Fax from Mr. Rotter, LuK, to Henry Sternberg, dated May 15, 2003

and that they are accurate translations of the German documents that are attached to them.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter Kupper", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Walter Kupper
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US-Patentanmeldung Nr. 08/392,127
Ihr Zeichen: 2338/0A887
Unser Zeichen: GS 0115/04/012 B US

Sehr geehrter Herr Sternberg,

wir bitten Sie, obige Akte Herrn Kontler zur weiteren Bearbeitung zu übersenden.

Sehr geehrter Herr Kontler,

wir kommen zurück auf das Schreiben von Darby & Darby vom 22.11.96 bezüglich des Prüfungsbescheides vom 12.11.96.

Bezüglich des Punktes 6 sei bemerkt, daß die fehlende Anmeldenummer 08/375,913 ist.

Bitte erledigen Sie die Beanstandung bezüglich der Tabelle auf S. 97 von sich aus.

Unter Punkt 7 führt der Prüfer eine Reihe von Unklarheiten an. Hierzu nehmen wir wie folgt Stellung:

Zu 7.1.

Bitte erledigen Sie diesen Punkt von sich aus. Der Prüfer rügt, daß das Drehmoment des Antriebsaggregates unterschiedlich ist zu dem von der Kupplung übertragbaren

Drehmoment, wobei durch die Ansteuerung des Kupplungsmomentes ja erst der Wert des übertragbaren Drehmomentes festgelegt wird, unabhängig davon, wie groß das anstehende Motormoment ist. Somit sollte deutlich sein, daß das Motormoment und das Kupplungsmoment nicht zwingend gleich sein müssen.

Zu 7.2:

Bitte nehmen Sie in den Anspruch 2 die vom Prüfer geforderten Schritte zur Bestimmung der Korrekturwerte auf. Die Korrektur des k_{me} -Wertes durch den Korrekturwert k_{corr} sorgt dafür, daß ein im wesentlichen fest gewählter k_{me} -Wert durch den Korrekturfaktor entsprechend der Figur 27 betriebspunktabhängig wird. Das Produkt $k_{me} \times k_{corr}$ ist somit abhängig von dem aktuellen Betriebspunkt, also beispielsweise von der Motordrehzahl oder dem Motormoment oder von anderen Größen.

Zu 7.3:

Bitte ändern Sie die Rückbeziehungen des Anspruches 6, so daß der Anspruch 6 auf Anspruch 2 rückbezogen ist.

Zu 7.4:

Bitte erledigen Sie diesen Punkt unter Berücksichtigung der ursprünglichen deutschen Ansprüche 9 und 10 von sich aus.

Zu 7.5:

Statt „eine eindeutig durch eine nicht analytische Technik beschrieben werden“ sollte es heißen: „kann nicht eindeutig analytisch beschrieben werden“.

Zu 7.6:

Entsprechend dem ursprünglichen Anspruch 13 sollte es in Anspruch 15 nicht heißen „establishing an I return flow of fluid from one of the compartments into the other of the compartments“, sondern „by establishing an I feed-back, ...“. Die I-Rückführung stellt somit ein regelungstechnisches Element dar, bei welchem einem PID-Regler der I-Anteil alleine rückgeführt wird. Somit liegt ein I-Regler vor.

Zu 7.7:

Bitte erledigen Sie diesen Punkt von sich aus.

Zu 7.8:

Anspruch 22 sollte dahingehend geändert werden, daß bei einer Signalisierung einer gewünschten Beschleunigung des Fahrzeuges durch den Fahrer, der Schlupf in der Kupplung erhöht wird, und dies wird mittels einer Reduzierung des k_{me} - Faktors erreicht und dadurch wird die vom Wandler angebotene Drehmomenterhöhung als zusätzliche Drehmomentreserve genutzt. Insofern ist die Nutzung der Antriebseinheit in verschiedenen Gängen in diesem Anspruch nicht nötig.

Zu 7.9:

Bitte beheben Sie diese Beanstandung von sich aus.

Zu 7.10:

Der Anspruch 24 ist aufgrund seines nahezu identischen Wortlautes und seines gleichen Sinngehaltes zu streichen. Falls Sie einen Unterschied zwischen Anspruch 23 und 24 sehen, möchten wir Sie bitten, uns diesen mitzuteilen.

Zu 7.11:

Bitte streichen Sie die Formulierung „such as a combustion engine“. Statt dem Wort „variable“ in Zeile 9 des Anspruches 25, sollte es besser heißen: „by the clutch is detectable by a monitoring unit in conjunction with a central computer unit and variable by the computer unit and ...“. Weiterhin sollte in den Anspruch 25 die Bestimmung der Korrekturfaktoren aufgenommen sein. Weiterhin rügt der Prüfer, daß der k_{me} - Faktor zumindest im wesentlichen über den gesamten Betriebsbereich des Fahrzeuges konstant ist. Dies kann in dem vorliegenden Anspruch gestrichen werden, wobei erwähnt sein sollte, daß das Produkt von $k_{me} \times k_{corr}$ nicht konstant sein muß. Weiterhin rügt der Prüfer den Anspruch 25 ab Zeile 24 als nicht klar. Wir möchten Sie bitten, diesen Absatz entsprechend umzuformulieren, damit die Passage dem letzten Absatz des Anspruches 21 der deutschen Unterlagen entspricht und die vom Prüfer gerügte Unklarheit beseitigt ist.

Zu 7.12:

Bitte passen Sie die Ansprüche 26 bis 29 entsprechend dem Obengesagten an.

7.13 bis 7.22:

Bitte erledigen Sie diese Punkte von sich aus.

Der Prüfer weist unter Punkt 8 die Ansprüche 1 bis 40 zurück, da er der Ansicht ist, daß diese Elemente enthalten, die nicht in der Beschreibung derart offenbart sind, daß sie der Fachmann nachvollziehen kann. Weiterhin rügt der Prüfer, daß die Korrekturfaktoren k_{corr} , $M_{\text{corr PM}}$ und $M_{\text{corr WO}}$ nicht ausreichend offenbart sind.

Nach diesseitiger Auffassung ist sowohl in den Ansprüchen als auch in der Beschreibung genügend Offenbarung vorhanden zum einen, wie die Werte gewonnen werden, nämlich entsprechend der Figur 29 und die Verwendung entsprechend den Figuren 28 und 30. Weiterhin wird mehrmals im Text der Beschreibung ausgeführt, daß Korrekturfaktoren, wie beispielsweise der k_{me} -Wert oder ein k_{corr} einen vorbestimmten Wert annehmen kann oder um einen solchen vorbestimmten Wert vermindert werden kann. Insbesondere auf S. 54 der deutschen Beschreibung wird ausgeführt, daß die Korrekturfaktoren in verschiedenen Betriebsbereichen unterschiedlich gewichtet werden und daß beispielsweise der k_{me} -Wert oder die Korrekturfaktoren aus Kennfeldern herausgenommen werden können (s. S. 92 des ursprünglichen deutschen Textes).

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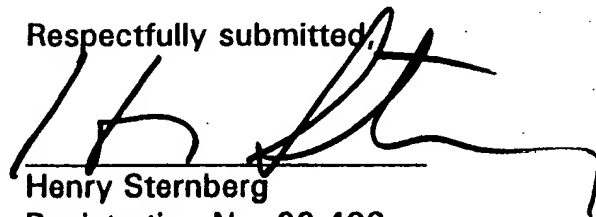
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XIV. Abandonment

A. Application is Abandoned at Client's Request

1. If application is abandoned by the request of the Client, forward the file to Docketing with the client's letter.
2. Update the "Status" field in PATTSY to reflect the abandonment.
3. Update the file cover.
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5. Forward the file to the Records Department.
6. If there are pending related cases, the file remains in the file room. If not, send the file to the responsible attorney with a file storage memo attached, so that it can then be routed to storage.

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5. Docket the due date in PATTSY and the IDB for 1 year from the due date up to which an extension was paid (or from 1 year from the Notice), for submitting a Petition to Revive.
6. Stamp the Notice with the "Due Date" stamp.
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C. Petition to Revive

1. If the Patent was mistakenly abandoned a Petition to Revive needs to be filed with the USPTO. The following circumstances are reasons that a patent would be abandoned in error:
 - a. USPTO error;
 - b. non-payment of maintenance fee; or
 - c. failing to respond to an outstanding Office Action.
2. All Petitions to Revive files are forwarded to Joseph Lerch.

XV. Maintenance Fees

A. Docketing Maintenance Fees

1. Applications filed on or after December 12, 1980 have the following Maintenance Fees due:
 - a. at 3.5 years;
 - b. 7.5 years; and
 - c. 11.5 years, provided maintenance fees are paid.
2. A United States Patent expires after 17 years.

B. USPTO Maintenance Fee Receipt Received

Forward the Receipt to Patent Services for handling.

XVI. Communication from the Examiner is Received from the USPTO

A. General Information

1. Normally a Communication does not require a response.
2. There are exceptions to this rule. One example of an exception is that a Reply Brief was submitted to the USPTO and this Communication noted that it will not be entered (see 37 CFR 1.181 for a description on how to handle this matter).

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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- ☒ This application has been examined ☒ Responsive to communication filed on 6/21/96 ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), 0 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. | 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152. |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-101 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims 41-101 are withdrawn from consideration.

2. ☐ Claims have been cancelled.

3. ☐ Claims are allowed.

4. ☒ Claims 1-40 are rejected.

5. ☐ Claims are objected to.

6. ☐ Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. ☒ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____ Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____ has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).

12. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☒ been received ☐ not been received ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____

13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in

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I spoke with Mr. Kontler today regarding the response to the Office Action due today for File No. 2338/0A887-USO, S.N. 08/392,127. Mr. Kontler is working on the response. He intends to fax it to the PTO himself this evening.

MR. Kontler: 6/4/97
Please let us know
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Thank you -
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Dear Mr. Sternberg:

In reference to the above-identified case, the last activities
in our file are:

our letter to you dated February 6, 1997 (see attachment)

and

your invoice dated July 25, 1997.

Please advise what is your latest status in this matter.

Sincerely

LuK Lamellen und Kupplungsbau
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(signature of Dieter Ronnenberg)

Ronnenberg

November 3, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

The undersigned hereby declares that he has personally translated the attached documents:

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Fax from Mr. Rotter, LuK, to Henry Sternberg, dated May 15, 2003

and that they are accurate translations of the German documents that are attached to them.

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Bühl, den 02.04.03

US Patentanmeldung Serial No. 08/392,127
Ihr Zeichen: 2338/0A887
Unser Zeichen: GS 0115/04/012 B US

Sehr geehrter Herr Sternberg,

bezüglich dem obigen Fall, sind in unserer Akte:

unser Schreiben an Sie mit Datum 6. Februar 1997 (siehe Anlage)
und

Ihre Rechnung mit Datum vom 25. Juli 1997
die letzten Vorgänge.

Wir bitten um Mitteilung, welches Ihr letzter Stand ist.

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Bühl, May 15, 2003

Our Patent Application in the U.S.A. No. 08/392,127
Title: "Method of Controlling a Torque-Transmitting System".
Your Reference: 2338
Our Reference: GS 0115/04/012 B US

Dear Mr. Sternberg:

After we noticed that for a long time following our fax of February 6, 1997 to you there had been no activities whatsoever in the above-referenced case which we still counted among our active cases, we asked you in a letter in February this year to let us know what is your latest status in this matter.

You advised us in a fax of April 8 of the current year, that a Notice of Abandonment exists with a date of May 27, 1997. However, the Notice of Abandonment was not attached to your fax.

Subsequently we asked you in a fax dated April 11 of this year to send us the Notice of Abandonment. The Notice of Abandonment then arrived with a copy of this letter of April 8, 2003.

The matter presents itself to us as follows:

We asked you in our fax of February 6, 1997 to send the files to Mr. Kontler for the continuation of the work on them.

We further asked Mr. Kontler in the same fax of February 6, 1997 to respond to the office action of November 12, 1996 based on the information contained in the aforementioned fax.

Next came the Notice of Abandonment of May 27, 1997.

Thus, the office action of November 12, 1996 has not been responded to, even though we supplied detailed information in our already mentioned fax of February 6, 1997.

The Notice of Abandonment is at least not in our file. We also have to conclude that it has never been received by us, and should you disagree, please send us the fax report.

If we had at least received the Notice of Abandonment, we would with certainty

This will

certainly require a discussion.

We would like to know your position on how you see this matter.

Sincerely

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G. Rotter

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter Kupper", is written over a horizontal line.

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Bühl, den

15.05.2003

Unsere Patentanmeldung in den USA Nr. 08/392,127 vom 22.02.1995

Titel: "Verfahren zum Steuern eines Drehmomenten-Übertragungssystems"

Ihr Zeichen: 2338

Unser Zeichen: GS 0115/04/012 B US

Sehr geehrter Herr Sternberg,

nachdem wir festgestellt hatten, dass lange Zeit in der obigen Anmeldung, die für uns noch zu den laufenden Anmeldungen zählte, nach unserem Fax an Sie vom 06. Februar 1997 keinerlei Aktivitäten erfolgt sind, haben wir Sie mit Schreiben vom 02. dieses Jahres um Mitteilung gebeten, welches Ihr letzter Stand in der Akte ist.

Sie teilten uns mit Fax vom 08. April dieses Jahres mit, dass eine Notice of Abandonment vom 27. Mai 1997 vorläge. Diesem Fax war jedoch die Notice of Abandonment nicht beigelegt.

Daraufhin haben wir mit Fax vom 11. April dieses Jahres gebeten, uns die Notice of Abandonment zuzusenden. Mit einer Kopie dieses Schreibens vom 08. April 2003 kam dann die Notice of Abandonment.

Uns stellt sich die Angelegenheit wie folgt dar:

Mit unserem Fax vom 06. Februar 1997 haben wir Sie gebeten, die Akten an Herrn Kontler zur weiteren Bearbeitung zu übersenden.

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14. Mai 2003

Weiterhin haben wir mit gleichem Fax vom 06. Februar 1997 Herrn Kontler gebeten, auf den Prüfungsbescheid vom 12. November 1996 unter Zugrundelegung der in obigem Fax enthaltenen Informationen zu erwidern.

Als Nächstes kam die Notice of Abandonment vom 27. Mai 1997.

Der Prüfungsbescheid vom 12. November 1996 ist also nicht beantwortet worden, obwohl wir in unserem bereits genannten Fax vom 06. Februar 1997 ausführliche Informationen geliefert haben.

Die Notice of Abandonment vom 27. Mai 1997 haben wir zumindest nicht in unserer Akte. Wir gehen auch davon aus, dass sie nie bei uns eingetroffen ist, und sollten Sie anderer Auffassung sein, so lassen Sie uns bitte Ihren Faxbericht zukommen.

Wenn wir wenigstens die Notice of Abandonment erhalten hätten,

Hier-

über wird sicherlich noch eine Diskussion erforderlich sein.

Wir hätten gerne Ihre Stellungnahme, wie Sie die Angelegenheit sehen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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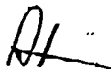
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Any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,



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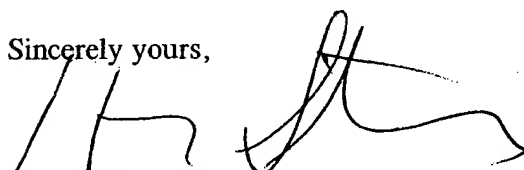
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Sincerely yours,


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DUE: February 12, 1997

Decided on 11/12/97 by 11/12/97 for 2304

Decided without file

DATE MAILED: 11/12/96

This is a communication from the examiner to the applicant.
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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☒ This application has been examined ☒ Responsive to communication filed on 6/21/96 ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), 12 days from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

- ☒ Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
- ☒ Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
- ☐ Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
- ☐

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

- ☒ Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims 1-10 are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claims are pending in the application.
- ☐ Claims have been cancelled.
- ☐ Claims are allowed.
- ☒ Claims 1-40 are rejected.
- ☐ Claims are objected to.
- ☐ Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement.
- ☒ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
- ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
- ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on Under 37 C.F.R. 1.64 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

TO: MR. KONTLER
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EXAMINER:

DATE: February 12, 1997 ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER 8

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DATE MAILED: 11/12/96

This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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☒ This application has been examined ☒ Responsive to communication filed on 6/21/96 ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), 7 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
- ☐ Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
- ☐

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-101 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims 41-101 are withdrawn from consideration.

2. ☐ Claims have been cancelled.

3. ☐ Claims are allowed.

4. ☒ Claims 1-40 are rejected.

5. ☐ Claims are objected to.

6. ☐ Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. ☒ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).

12. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☒ been received ☐ not been received ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. filed on

13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. ☐ Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

ART UNIT 2304

1. This application has been examined in response to Applicants' communication filed on June 21, 1996. Claims 1-101 are currently pending.

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 119, which papers have been placed of record in the file.

5 3. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

4. The restriction requirements mailed on January 18, 1996 (paper number 4) and May 23, 1996 (paper number 6) are incorporated herein.

5. Applicant's election with traverse of Group 1A (claims 1-40) in Paper No. 7 is
10 acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground that a single novelty search would appear to suffice to locate prior art relevant for determining patentability of claims in all of the groups that. This is not found persuasive because a search required for the Group 1A such as class 364, subclass 424.1, for example, is not required for the Group IV which is directed to a mechanical structure.

15 Thus, the requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL. Also, claims 41-101 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner as being directed to non-elected inventions. 37 CFR § 1.142(b).

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6. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

One of the parent applications referenced on page 2 of the specification is not identified by its serial number. The Applicants are requested to update the continuing data as in the specification as well as in the declaration.

5 Further, the table on page 97 of the specification is more than five inches wide. See 37 CFR § 1.58(c). Correction is required.

7. Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

10 7.1 As per claim 1, "selectively variable" (lines 8-9) is vague and indefinite. Also, it is not clear whether the magnitude of torque being transmitted by the output element is different from the magnitude of torque transmitted by the clutch. Finally, the text starting with "ascertaining and adaptively applying" and continuing to the end of the claim is vague and confusing, and does not appear to make any sense.

5 7.2 As per claim 2, there is no recitation of steps for determining the RPM of the output element, for determining k_{corr} , for determining $M_{corr\ pm}$, for determining M_{pm} , and for determining $M_{corr\ wu}$. These steps are necessary for determining the torque to be transmitted by the clutch. Thus, the claim is incomplete. Also, "at least substantially constant within the entire operating range of the power train" is vague and indefinite, and appears to contradict the disclosure (see
0 Figure 27).

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7.3 Claim 6 does not make sense and appears to be meant to depend on claim 2, not claim

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7.4 Claim 9 is confusing and does not appear to make sense.

7.5 As per claim 14, "can be unequivocally defined by a non-analytical technique" is

5 functional and not supported by the recited means/steps.

7.6 As per claim 15, it is not clear what the "I return flow of fluid" means.

7.7 As per claim 21, see the above rejection of claim 2.

7.8 Claim 22, is confusing and does not appear to make sense.

7.9 As per claim 23, "efficiency" (line 4) and "utilization" (line 7) lack proper antecedent

10 bases.

7.10 Claim 24 is exactly the same in scope as claim 23 because "speed ratios" and "drive ratios" are the same.

7.11 As per claim 25, the exemplary language "such as a combustion engine" makes the scope of the claim indefinite. Also, the text starting with "wherein the magnitude of torque being

15 transmitted" and ending with "regulatable by the computer unit" (lines 7-12) does not make sense. Further, there is no recitation of steps for determining k_{corr} and for determining M_{pm} .

These steps are necessary for determining the torque to be transmitted by the clutch. Thus, the claim is incomplete. Also, "at least substantially constant within the entire operating range of the power train" (lines 18-19) is vague and indefinite, and appears to contradict the disclosure

20 (see Figure 27). Finally, the text starting with "applying the thus ascertained force" and continuing to the end of the claim is confusing and does not appear to make sense.

7.12 As per claims 26-29, see the above rejection of claim 25.

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7.13 As per claim 29, there is no recitation of step for determining the RPM of the output element which is necessary for the recited method.

7.14 As per claim 33, it is not clear to what "that torque" (line 2) refers. The recited undertakings (A)-(D) are vague, confusing, and indefinite in scope. For example, see "such as blocking of the clutch" (line 10).

7.15 As per claim 34, see the above rejection of claim 33.

7.16 As per claim 35, "likely to develop" (line 3) and "likely to entail" (line 7) make the claim vague and indefinite. Also, "which ensures insulation . . ." is functional and not supported by the recited means/steps.

7.17 As per claim 36, see the above rejection of claim 35.

7.18 Claim 37 does not make sense.

7.19 As per claim 38, the claim is incomplete without a step of detecting "indication of intended acceleration of the prime mover." Also, the exemplary language "such as by a change . . ." makes the scope of the claim indefinite.

7.20 As per claims 39-40, see the above rejection of claims 23-24.

7.21 The applicants are advised to establish proper antecedent bases for the terms aforementioned and for all other terms without proper antecedent bases which may exist throughout the claims.

7.22 All the dependent claims are rejected or further rejected for incorporating deficiencies cited above from their respective parent claims.

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8. Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

5 Although determination of factors k_{corr} , $M_{corr\ pm}$ and $M_{corr\ wu}$ are critical to the claimed invention, there is not enough guidance by the present disclosure regarding selection or determination of the above factors to enable one of skilled in the art to make and use the present invention. Since there are three factors that must be selected or determined, the present disclosure does not enable one of skilled in the art to make and use the present invention without
10 undue experimentation.

9. Because it is not possible for the Examiner to reasonably interpret the scope of the claims in light of the deficiencies cited above, it is deemed inappropriate to reject the claims based on prior art at this time. In re Steele, 134 USPQ 292, 295 (CCPA 1962). The Applicants are not to regard this as an indication of allowable subject matter.

15 10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Collin W. Park whose telephone number is (703) 305-9754. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday - Friday from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Teska, can be reached on (703) 305-9704. The fax phone number for this
20 Group is (703) 308-5357.


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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

November 7, 1996


COLLIN W. PARK
PRIMARY EXAMINER
GROUP 2300

SERIAL NO.

08/392,127

GROUP ART UNIT

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NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A	5,029,087	7/02/91	Cowan et al.	364	424.1	
	B	5,058,716	10/22/91	Lippe et al.	192	3.33	
	C	5,272,630	12/21/93	Brown et al.	364	424.1	
	D	5,303,616	4/19/94	Palansky et al.	477	63	8/10/92
	E	5,305,663	4/26/94	Leonard et al.	475	123	8/10/92
	F	5,501,309	3/26/96	Walth et al.	192	3.29	7/27/94
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EXAMINER

Collin W. Park

DATE

11/07/96

* A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this office action.
(See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, section 707.05(a).)

The drawings submitted with this application were declared informal by the applicant. Accordingly they have not been reviewed by a draftsperson at this time. When formal drawings are submitted, the draftsperson will perform a review.

Direct any inquires concerning drawing review to the Drawing Review Branch (703) 305-8404.

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A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 0 month(s), 30 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948. |
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1. ☒ Claims 1-101 are pending in the application.

Of the above, claims are withdrawn from consideration.

2. ☐ Claims have been cancelled.

3. ☐ Claims are allowed.

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2. ☐ Claims have been cancelled.
3. ☐ Claims are allowed.
4. ☐ Claims are rejected.
5. ☐ Claims are objected to.
6. ☒ Claims 1-101 are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7. ☐ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).
10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).
12. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. filed on
13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14. ☐ Other

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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

1. Receipt of the Response to the Restriction Requirement, received 20 February 1996, is acknowledged. However, upon reconsideration, it is deemed proper to further restrict Group I (claims 1-40 and 66-71) as described in the following paragraph.

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group IA. Claims 1-40, drawn to a method for computerized engine-torque-dependent clutch slip regulation classified in Class 364, subclass 424.01.

Group IB. Claims 66-71, drawn to a torque converter/slip clutch combination wherein the torque transmitted by the clutch is a function of heat or road slope, classified in Class 192, subclass 3.3.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

3. Inventions IA and IB are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention IB has separate utility such as use in a system not using engine parameters to determine clutch transmission. See M.P.E.P.


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4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
5. Because of the change in the restriction requirement, Applicant is allowed to choose between Inventions IA, IB (as described above), II, III, IV, and V (as described in the Restriction Requirement mailed 18 January 1996, Paper Number 4).
6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan Jensen whose telephone number is (703) 305-6297. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.


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May 16, 1996

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Re: U.S. Patent Application
Serial No. 08/392,127

Dear Peter:

We just received a fax from Mr. Rotter (copy of 15 May 2003 enclosed). We meticulously searched the files and were unable to find a copy of your Response to the PTO, which was due on May 12, 1997. We also enclose a copy of an E-mail dated May 12, 1997 sent by Mrs. Pelkowski to Ms. Karaszi, in our docket department. A copy of that E-mail is also enclosed.

Hopefully, you have some record of having responded to the Official Action, because we can find nothing in our files. In any event, please phone us and let us know if you have any records at all concerning the subject matter.

Hope you are both well. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Mrs.



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OFFICE OF PETITIONSIn re Application of
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Application No. 08/392,127

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 29, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No further petition fee is required for the request. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action mailed November 12, 1996. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on February 13, 1997. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed May 27, 1997.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply,
- (2) the petition fee,
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, and
- (4) a terminal disclaimer and fee if the application was filed on or before June 8, 1995 or if the application is a design application.

The instant petition does not satisfy requirements (3) and (4) above. Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Commissioner may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D).

The delay in filing the instant petition raises a question as to whether the entire delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Petitioner should provide a full explanation for the delay from the date of abandonment until the date the instant petition was filed. Petitioner should provide evidence to establish the entire delay was unintentional within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 41(a)(7) and 37 CFR 1.137(b).
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See In re Application of G, 11 USPQ2d 1378, 1380 (Comm'r Pats. 1989).